BEA 7.0 Available in ACART: Making BEA Compliance Easier

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Arlington, Va. – The Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) 7.0 is available in Architecture Compliance and Requirements Traceability (ACART) as of May 25, 2010. Having the latest version of the BEA in this tool makes it easier for defense business systems program managers to scope, assess and assert compliance of to the BEA. Compliance of modernizing business systems to the BEA is required by 10 U.S.C. 2222 to ensure interoperability.

BEA Compliance Guidance and the ACART tool are updated after every new BEA release. Use of ACART is voluntary, but most components use it to demonstrate to the investment review boards (IRB) and Defense Business Systems Management Committee (DBSMC) that their systems are compliant to the BEA. The IRBs and DBSMC prefer ACART because they have more confidence in ACART data than potentially inconsistent manual processes. Business systems spending more than $1 million to modernize require IRB and DBSMC approval before they may obligate those funds.

According to Larry Singer, the ACART product manager for BTA, "ACART users will find this version is significantly more user friendly." ACART can be accessed at https://acart.bta.mil.

The BEA Version 7.0 Compliance Guidance is available online at
http://www.bta.mil/products/bea_7_0/BEA/products/bea_compliance_guidance.pdf